Data Points

Exact ICD-9 codes

Some ICD9 codes are very similar, differing only by a trailing zero, yet have slightly different definitions. There are about 30 pairs of codes that differ this way, including 600, 600.0 and 600.00. In the past, our editor had been treating these codes as the same code, by zero filling to the right of the decimal (for example, replacing 294.1 with 294.10). We will no longer be doing this, so all regions need to be sure that the diagnosis codes entered *exactly* match the ICD9 code.

FY2006 Data Submission Guide changes

The proposed changes for fiscal year 2006 will be discussed and (hopefully) approved at the next JCIC meeting, on November 17th. A complete listing of the proposed changes may be found at http://mhmr.chs.ky.gov/CMHC/files/ImpGuide_2005/proposed_fy2006_changes.pdf.   If you have any questions or comments about these changes, please contact Dennis Moore (dennis.moore@rdmc.org) or Hope Barrett (hope.barratt@ky.gov) before the meeting so the questions can be resolved.

A full listing of the language codes to be used in the FY06 Human Resources data set may be found at http://mhmr.chs.ky.gov/CMHC/cmhc_data_guide.asp in the drop-down box under "Language Codes full listing - HR Language full". Also, a report showing the Health Care Taxonomy Codes is in the same location.

Uniform Data Definitions

A state-wide set of Uniform Data Definitions will soon be available as a supplement to the Data Dictionary available at http://mhmr.chs.ky.gov/CMHC/cmhc_data_guide.asp.

Clients incorrectly listed as "deceased" - update

Several weeks ago, Dennis Moore faxed each region a list of client IDs that matched SSNs of individuals who were listed as deceased by the Office of Vital Records and had services after the date of death. Communications with some regions has indicated that there could be different reasons for these problems.

Some Client IDs in our system were incorrect. Either the client gave the region a bad number or the region recorded the number incorrectly. In these cases, the method of correction is for the region to correct the mistake in their system, then fax the wrong number and the corrected number to RDMC so we can update our tables. Some regions have done this.

Another common problem seems to be services that appear to happen after the date of death. This could be an event that actually occurred before death, but was not recorded until the end of the month, or a 'service' that involved finalizing the records after death. To prevent these situations from appearing on future listings, we will only compare services which occur more than 30 days after the date of death.

From the Regions that have responded, it appears that the most common problem causing this situation is that the Office of Vital Records has recorded the wrong SSN for the deceased. The Office has said that the only way a record could be corrected was for the funeral home, or the family of the deceased, to submit the corrected number. In order to get the name of the funeral home, a copy of the death certificate would have to be purchased. Not many of our clients are going to want to go to that trouble and expense. Also, some of the deaths occurred more than 10 years ago and it is very possible that the funeral home no longer has the information. Therefore, if the regions verify that the client's number they are using is correct, they can fax us the number (at 859-260-1682) and we will put them in a table. Please indicate on the fax that the information is a listing of verified Client IDs that match an incorrect number on the list of deceased individuals. When our listing is run again, all numbers in the table will be ignored.

Please let your liaison know when you expect to resolve these issues. Although this represents a relatively small number of clients, it is another process aimed at insuring the data we capture, record, and disseminate is as accurate as possible.

Holiday Schedule Notes

- RDMC will be closed on Election Day, November 2.
- We will be closed on Thanksgiving and the following day (November 25 & 26).
- We will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Someone will be in the office every other business day in that time period.

Kentucky County Quiz!

For fun, see if you can name the Kentucky counties that answer the following question (answers will appear next month).

Which Kentucky counties share a name with a U.S. President?
There are 12 correct answers – and one shares a name with two presidents!

Here are the answers to last month's quiz:

1. Lewis and Clark jointly commanded the first US expedition to travel overland to the Pacific ocean. (2 answers)
2. Meade commanded the Union forces at Gettysburg.
3. Trigg (trigonometry) is an abbreviation of a math class.
4. Hart (heart) beats for each of us.